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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Ora Dee Lockett of Chicago, who passed away on June 3, 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Ora D. Lockett was born in Philadelphia, Mississippi on December 31, 1933 to Susie Jennings and Jasper Brown; she grew up in the Deep South where she faced hardship and many challenges from discrimination; she found Jesus Christ early in life and by her unshakable faith found the courage to navigate through such a tumultuous time; and

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WHEREAS, Ora Lockett won a scholarship to Rusk College in 1954; in 1956 she moved to Chicago along with her family; she briefly worked as a nurse's aide but eventually found her calling at the Illinois Department of Public Aid; and

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WHEREAS, Beginning in 1960, Ora Lockett worked and ascended through the ranks of the Illinois Department of Public Aid, garnering promotions and the respect of her co-workers; she was later hired as the administrative assistant to the Director of Public Aid, a position she held until her retirement in 2000; she continued to work intermittently from her home for many years after her retirement; and

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1 WHEREAS, Ora Dee Lockett was admired by her family, loved
2 by many, and respected by all; Ora leaves to cherish her memory
3 her children, Anthony Brown, Corliss Paden, and Ruby Paden; her
4 grandchildren, Quincy Paden, Coreyell Brown, Brandi Brown, and
5 Robyn Meurkson; her great-grandchildren, Kylan Brown, Kaleb
6 Brown, and Kobe Brown; her niece, Laura Greer; her nephews,
7 Kenneth Brown and Gregory Greer; and a host of friends, locally
8 and nationally; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 her family and friends, the passing of Ora Dee Lockett; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Ora Dee Lockett as a symbol of our
15 sympathy.